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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

I. Lawrence GREENFIELD

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For: COMPOSITIONS, METHODS, AND KITS FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS USING SURFACTANTS AND

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RESPONSE

Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed March 1, 2002. The period for reply has been extended one month by the Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and fee payment filed concurrently herewith.

The Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups of claims under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

Group I, claims 1 to 25; and

Group II, claims 26 to 87.

Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-25.

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